

Remarks

Claims 1-33 are pending in this application. Claim 40 has been canceled to advance prosecution. Claims 34-39 have been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error and claim 19 has been amended to specify that the tungsten-containing precursor is stabilized. Support for this amendment may be found in original claim 19. Claim 22 has been amended to correct a typographical error and rewrite the originally filed claim in independent form. Claim 23 has been amended to add “the following sequence” after “comprising.”

No new matter has been added. The following remarks address the issues raised in the December 28, 2005 Final Office Action.

Double Patenting

Claim 19 is objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 17. Claim 19 has been amended to specify that the tungsten-containing precursor is stabilized. Applicants believe that this amendment obviates the objection.

Claim Objections

Claim 20 is objected to as depending on objected-to claim 19. As indicated above, claim 19 has been amended to obviate the objection to it. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this obviates the objection to claim 20.

Claim 22 is objected to as appearing to have the original limitation of the claim deleted. Applicants have amended to the claim to include the original limitation. Claim 22 as amended is the originally filed (and indicated allowable) claim 22 rewritten in independent form. Applicants believe that this obviates the objection to claim 22.

Claim 23 is objected to as containing an informality. Specifically, the Examiner has requested that “the following sequence” be inserted after “comprising.” Applicants have amended the claim to comport with the Examiner’s request.

Rejection Under 35 USC §102

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Kori et al., US Patent No. 6,551,929 (“Kori”). As discussed above, claim 22 has been amended to include limitations of original claim 22. As original claim 22 has been indicated allowable and Kori does not teach or suggest all the features of the pending claim, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection Under 35 USC §103

Claim 40 is rejected under is rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Kori. Solely to advance prosecution, Applicants have canceled this claim, obviating the rejection.

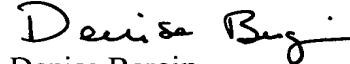
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18 and 21 have been allowed. Claims 20 and 23-33 have been indicated allowable to overcome the objections set forth in the Final Office Action.

As discussed, claim 19 has been amended to recite that the tungsten-containing precursor is stabilized, rather than the boron-containing species. Applicants believe that claims 19 and 20 are now in condition for allowance. Claim 23 has been amended to obviate the objection to it and Applicants believe that claims 23-33 are now in condition for allowance. Also as discussed, claim 22 has been amended to rewrite original claim 22 in independent form. As original claim 22 has been indicated allowable, Applicants believe that claim 22 is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For the reasons given above, Applicants submit that claims 1-33 are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. NOVLP096).

Respectfully submitted,
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